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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM – SINGAPORE 2nd JOINT COMMITTEE MINISTERIAL MEETING (2nd JCMM) AND 1st AGRI-TECH FOOD ZONE MINISTERIAL MEETING (1st ATFZ)

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1. The Honourable Dato Seri Setia Dr Haji Abdul Manaf bin Haji Metussin, Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry attended the Brunei Darussalam-Singapore 2nd Joint Committee Ministerial Meeting (2nd JCMM) and 1st Agri-Tech Food Zone Ministerial Meeting (1st ATFZ MM) on 12th October 2026 in Republic of Singapore. The meetings were co-chaired by The Hon. Dato Dr Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Brunei Darussalam and Her Excellency Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and Environment and Minister in-charge of Trade Relations, Republic of Singapore.

2nd JCMM and Signing of the MOU on Cooperation in Supply Chain Resilience

2. The 2nd JCMM serves as a follow-up to the inaugural JCMM held last year on 15th September 2025. At the meeting, both Ministers reaffirmed their support and commitment to strengthening Brunei-Singapore two-way bilateral trade and investment cooperation. Brunei and Singapore agreed that closer cooperation and forward-looking solutions remains crucial, especially for initiatives taken under the four working groups of: (i) Food Supply, (ii) Medical Products, (iii) Low Carbon (iv) Carbon Markets, Carbon Capture and Storage, Carbon Credits and Green Economy.

3. In his remarks, The Hon. Dato Dr Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies and Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry appreciates the deep and longstanding relationship between Brunei and Singapore in various areas especially trade and investment. Through the Joint Committee platform, The Honourable Dato noted the good progress undertaken and encouraged Brunei and Singapore to continue exploring new areas of cooperation and to ensure the work can be translated into meaningful and tangible outcomes.

4. Both Ministers acknowledged that the world is now grappling with geo-political uncertainties and turbulent trading landscape. Therefore, in view of ensuring stable trade flow and facilitating movement of goods across borders especially in times of crisis, the meeting also provided an opportunity for Brunei Darussalam and Singapore to sign the **'Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cooperation in Supply Chain Resilience'.**

5. The signing of such MOU serves as a testament of an enduring friendship and trust between Brunei and Singapore, and further reaffirming commitments made under the Upgraded ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement (ATIGA).

6. The meeting also saw the signing of the manufacturing and distribution agreement between PDS Abattoir Sdn Bhd and Singapore-owned company called Pondok Abang. This marks yet another milestone in market access and food supply cooperation between Brunei and Singapore. The increased exports to Singapore in recent years reflect the growing confidence and marketability of Bruneian-made food products in the international market.

1st ATFZ Ministerial Meeting

7. The 1st ATFZ MM discussed the progress and findings of the joint feasibility study on the establishment of a Brunei Darussalam-Singapore Agri-Tech Food Zone. The study has identified opportunities for Brunei Darussalam and Singapore to build on their respective strengths to enhance agri-food trade, strengthen food supply resilience and unlock new investment opportunities in the agri-food sector.

8. Both sides exchanged views on the future direction of the ATFZ, including key considerations for its development and implementation, particularly commercial viability and private sector participation. Both countries reaffirmed their commitment to continued collaboration in advancing the initiative and realising its potential to strengthen bilateral cooperation in agri-food development and enhance food supply resilience.

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